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SUBJECT: TUNA DISCUSSIONS

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 2173, (B) STATE 129932

1. REFTELS CROSSED, HOWEVER, I SPOKE AGAIN WITH FONMIN CALDERON MORNING MAY 23 TO REITERATE FOCUS ON MULTILATERAL ASPECTS OF TUNA PROBLEM. MADE POINTS A AND B PROVIDED REF (B) SPECIFICALLY, STRESSING OUR INTEREST IN THE EARLY CONVENING OF A MEETING TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN IN SAN JOSE. THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO GIVE CALDERON PROBLEMS, BUT IN EACH DISCUSSION HE RETURNS TO MORE IMMEDIATE BILATERAL CONCERN AS WELL. I URGED THE MINISTER TO ADVISE HIS COLLEAGUES THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT A MULTILATERAL SOLUTION IS THE ONLY WAY TO BENEFIT ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIKE COSTA RICA WITH EMERGING NATIONAL PROGRAMS; I ALSO COMMENTED THAT DECLARATIONS MET PREVIOUS DAY BY GENERAL TORRIJOS AND PRESIDENT CARAZO (BEING REPORTED SEPTEL) LEND FURTHER WEIGHT TO THE NEED FOR A SUFFICIENTLY MULTILATERAL APPROACH.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER CALDERON ADVISED THAT THE PRESIDENT
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HAS CALLED ANOTHER MEETING FOR THE EVENING OF MAY 23 TO MAKE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS AND ORGANIZE THE COMMISSION THAT WILL BE DEALING WITH TUNA MATTERS. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT THE COSTA RICAN CONSUL IN SAN DIEGO HAS BEEN BROUGHT BACK FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THAT HIS VICE MINISTER, NIEHAUS, WILL ALSO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE. HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE ME THE NAMES OF ADDITIONAL MEM-

BERS OF THE COMMISSION FOLLOWING THIS EVENING'S SESSION
WITH THE PRESIDENT.

3. ADVISED GOCR THAT MR. FOX WILL BE ACCOMPANYING
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